

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 18-24, 26-59, 63, 64, 66, 68 and 70-75 are pending in the present application. Claims 60-62, 65, 67, 69 and 76 are canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 61 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and Claims 60-62, 65, 67, 69 and 76 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated U.S. Patent No. 6,590,996 to Reed et al. (herein "Reed").

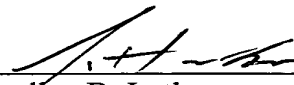
Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

As Claims 60-62, 65, 67, 69 and 75 are canceled, the rejections of Claims 60-62, 65, 67, 69 and 76 are rendered moot.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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